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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LAW OF THE SEA

REF: STATE 85109

1. IN ABSENCE DEP. PM/FM FAHMY IN EUROPE UNTIL APRIL 13,
POLCOUNS MADE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL TO MFA DIRECTOR
LEGAL DEPARTMENT AL-ARABY ON APRIL 12 AND LEFT
PRINCIPAL POINTS IN WRITING. AL-ARABY TOOK OVER
RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOS MATTERS ONLY 10 DAYS AGO BUT
DURING PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT TO GENEVA HE HAD PARTICIPATED
IN SOME LOS CONFERENCES. HE THOROUGHLY AGREED WITH
DESIRABILITY OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON TREATY THIS
YEAR.

2. ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM, AL-ARABY MENTIONED
THAT EGYPT HAD PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED BINDING MECHANISM
ON MATTERS INVOLVING THE ECONOMIC ZONE. HOWEVER, GOE
STILL HAD PROBLEM WITH APPLYING IT CLOSER TO
HOME IN VIEW OF LIKELIHOOD DISPUTES WITH ISRAEL.

3. POLCOUNS STRESSED IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO SAT-
ISFACTORY SETTLEMENT OF STRAITS ISSUE. AL-ARABY
MADE NO COMMENT OTHER THAN THIS REMAINED CRUCIAL
ISSUE FOR GOE.

4. AMBASSADOR WILL PROVIDE TEXT OF SECRETARY'S ADDRESS
TO FONMIN AND GO OVER TALKING POINTS WITH HIM AT
EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. EILTS

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